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1. The petroleum industry in Albania is under complete Soviet domination. The Soviets have attempted to keep the transition of control from being known to the Albanian people. The Soviets constructed the town of Patos in the plain of Myzeqe. By the building of this industrial center, they expect to accomplish the following: Increase petroleum production, which has diminished considerably; keep the greatest possible control over the personnel and workers. Thus far, the following buildings have been erected in Patos: various apartment houses; a cultural center; and a library.
2. In addition to the existing refineries, there is another one under construction. Its capacity will be about 150,000 (sic - presumably tons) yearly.
3. According to the latest data available, the yearly production of petroleum in Albania amounts to approximately 200,000 tons.

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